Cases pending in courts

2788. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending with Supreme Court/various High Courts/District Courts in 2006, as on date;

(b) the break-up of above cases, category-wise (civil, writs, service matters etc.) and Court-wise;

(c) the number of cases pending for more than five years, ten years and twenty years, out of above cases, Court-wise;

(d) the annual new registration and annual disposal and whether it leave backlog of pendency;

(e) what is the overall scenario of disposal and pendency of cases; and

(f) the steps taken for speedy disposal of endemic pendency of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (f) While the number of cases pending as on date in the Supreme Court, various High Courts and the District Courts is not readily available and has been called for, as per information available in this Department there are 39,508 cases pending in the Supreme Court as on 30.11.2006, 42,42,450 cases pending in the High Courts and 2,53,93,251 cases pending in the Subordinate Courts as on 31.8.2006. The details of pendency in the High Courts and Subordinate Courts are indicated in Statement I and II (*see* below). While the time taken in disposing of pending cases is in the domain of the judiciary, the steps taken by the Government towards reducing pendency, are indicated in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Pendency in High Courts updated on 31.8.2006

Sl. No.	Name of the High Courts	As on	Civil cases	Criminal cases	Total
1.	Allahabad	30.6.06	864772	209407	1074179
2.	A.P.	30.6.06	216433	21239	237672
3.	Bombay	31.5.06	320840	37191	358031
4.	Calcutta	30.6.06	227485	37887	265372
5.	Delhi	30.5.06	95589	30923	126512
6.	Gujarat	31.12.05	100488	30897	131385
7.	Gauhati	30.6.06	52418	6900	59318
8.	H.P.	30.6.06	19034	5993	25027
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	31.12.05	39529	2444	41973
10.	Karnataka	30.6.06	77697	13732	91429
11.	Kerala	30.6.06	101374	24677	126051
12.	Madras	30.6.06	339157	31754	370911
13.	M.P.	31.12.05	130259	55759	186018
14.	Orissa	30.6.06	193186	17254	210440
15.	Patna	30.6.06	69881	25106	94987
16.	Punjab & Haryana	31.12.05	201151	42320	243471
17.	Rajasthan	31.12.05	158318	47867	206185
18.	Sikkim	30.06.06	47	11	58
19.	Uttaranchal	30.06.06	31518	7422	38940
20.	Chhattisgarh	30.06.06	52355	24038	76393
21.	Jharkhand	30.06.06	47066	231032	278098
	TOTAL:		3338597	903853	4242450

Statement-II

Pendency position in District and Subordinate Courts updated on 31.8.2006

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	As on	Civil cases	Criminal cases	Total pendency
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.06.06	501335	474843	976178
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	31.12.05	847	6410	7257
3.	Assam	31.12.05	49633	141195	190828
4.	Bihar	30.06.05	230159	1047533	1277692
5.	Chhattisgarh	30.06.05	49557	210045	259602
6.	Goa	31.12.05	20644	13671	34315
7.	Gujarat	30.06.06	783662	3152284	3935946
8.	Haryana	31.12.05	202525	304323	506848
9.	H.P.	31.12.05	64336	113080	177416
10.	J & K	30.12.04	48132	83812	131944
11.	Jharkhand	30.06.05	52709	243316	296025
12.	Karnataka	30.06.06	569322	516736	1086058
13.	Kerala	30.06.06	420549	506746	927295
14.	M.P.	31.12.05	194240	758738	952978
15.	Maharashtra	31.12.05	748760	2579121	3327881
16.	Manipur	31.12.05	3304	1812	5116
17	Meghalaya	31.12.05	4193	6979	11172
18.	Mizoram	30.06.05	1935	5952	7887
19.	Nagaland	31.12.05	1018	3076	4094
20.	Orissa	30.06.05	180632	799404	980036
21.	Punjab	31.12.05	247927	312529	560456
22.	Rajasthan	31.12.05	293220	757154	1050374
23.	Sikkim	30.06.06	187	437	624
24.	Tamil Nadu	30.06.06	438488	436450	874938
25.	Tripura	31.12.05	6983	25899	32882
26.	Uttar Pradesh	30.06.06	1215017	3413849	4628866
27.	Uttaranchal	31.12.05	26222	99634	125856
28.	West Bengal	31.12.05	512947	1428280	1941227
29.	A & N Islands	31.12.05	1291	46385	47676
30.	Chandigarh	31.12.05	20472	59522	79994
31.	D & N Haveli	30.06.04	550	2457	3007
32.	Daman & Diu	30.06.04	752	860	1612
33.	Delhi	30.06.06	140462	788064	928526
34.	Lakshadweep	30.06.04	75	45	120
35.	Pondicherry	30.06.06	12827	7698	20525
	TOTAL:		7044912	18348339	25393251

Statement-III

Important steps taken to reduce pendency

1. Besides increasing the Judge strength from time to time, following measures have been taken; grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialised benches and organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals, etc.
2. Alternative modes of disposal including medication, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. Special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunal, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts, Labour Courts, Consumer Courts etc. have been set up to expedite disposal of cases.
3. Information technology is being used in generation of cause lists, providing information to the litigants/Advocates etc. for speedy disposal of cases.
4. Fast Tract Courts (FTC) for the disposal of long pending cases, particularly sessions cases and cases involving undertrials in jails has been set up.
5. The Government has extended the term of existing 1562 Fast Tract Courts, which were functional as on 31.3.2005, for another five years *i.e.* upto 31.3.2010.

Setting up of evening/night courts

2789. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage establishment of evening/night courts;

(b) whether such courts have been established in the country;

(c) whether Government are willing to consider proposals for financial assistance to the State Governments in this regard;

(d) whether any State Government has approached the Central Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?